

Curriculum & Instruction

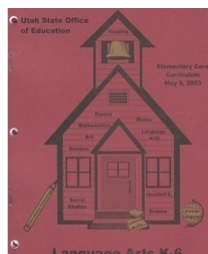
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Curriculum Highlights

Core Curricula Revisions

The core curricula being revised at this time are the following:

1. Secondary Health
2. K-2 Integrated Core Curriculum
3. Social Studies K-2
4. A seamless K-12 Language Arts Curriculum document with imbedded ELP standards is being developed. Current standards and objectives will not be changed.



February Dates to Remember

10th: Social Studies Directors at USOE

MESA Pubic Education Committee at Davis School District Office

12th: Gifted & Talented Coordinators Meeting at SLC School District Office

13th: Title VII Coordinators at Murray High School

17th: Curriculum Directors at USOE

25th: ALS Directors at Jordan High Atrium

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The Elementary Math Endorsement is being reviewed as requested by universities and school districts. If and when any changes are made, districts and charter schools will be informed prior to any action being taken.

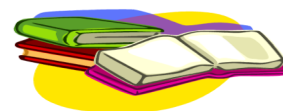
The Core Academy is again being offered in June and July. Teachers may register online at www.schools.utah.gov/curr/Core_Academy. This is a great opportunity for elementary teachers to improve their teaching expertise in the areas of Science and Math.

Districts and charter schools needing support with Concurrent, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate programs should contact Moya Kessig at 801-538-7742 or moya.kessig@schools.utah.gov.

STAR tutoring continues to offer reading support to teachers and parents. If you would like to have materials or the program implemented in your school, contact Sue Okroy at 801-538-7765 or susan.okroy@schools.utah.gov.

Information on the Cactus Course Codes (including files of the current codes and a list of the changes for the 2009-2010 school year) may be found on the web at http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/main/Core_Codes/default.htm.

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MISSION and STRATEGIC GOALS 2008-09

MISSION

The mission of the USOE's Curriculum and Instruction Section is to provide leadership in advancing the achievement and lifelong learning of all students by:

1. Maintaining and implementing comprehensive Core Curricula.
2. Providing leadership in research-based instructional practices.
3. Designing and delivering effective professional development.
4. Communicating and collaborating with all stakeholders.
5. Supporting compliance with statutes and rules.

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2008-09

The Strategic Goals for the Curriculum and Instruction Section for 2008-09 are to provide leadership in and build the capacity of educators to:

1. Provide best practices and research-based instruction for all students.
2. Narrow the existing academic achievement gap between student subgroups.
3. Increase the use of technology in the day-to-day instruction of all students.
4. Increase the use of data to inform curricular and instructional decisions.



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Mission and Goals
2008-09

Curriculum & Instruction is providing leadership for Utah's Mathematics Steering Committee. The committee, composed of business, education, and higher ed. representatives, is examining Utah's K-16 mathematics alignment and mathematical preparation for life skills, employment, advanced technical training, and university degrees.

USOE is providing oversight to the High-Ability Initiative Project. There are six districts and 50 teachers participating in the Gifted & Talented Endorsement Program. The project offers an online endorsement and provides professional development outreach to educators throughout the state via web-based cameras. The program is facilitated through Washington School District.